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DIFFERENTIATION IN HUMAN
CELLS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extending time to respond for one month, January 2, 2004, to February 2, 2004, is filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.